

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Please replace the original Abstract with the following amended Abstract.

In a portable information terminal, a display screen is ~~equipped at~~ provided on one surface ~~side~~ of an upper half portion. ~~Plural, and~~ keys for inputting characters are provided at a surface of a lower half portion ~~which is overlapped with the.~~ The upper half portion, and an can be pivoted to overlay the lower half portion. An operating unit for performing the control operation of the display content of the ~~display~~ screen is provided at a portion of the lower half portion ~~which that is exposed to the outside~~ even when the upper ~~[[and]] half portion overlays the lower half portions are overlapped with each other portion.~~ Further, ~~a A~~ controller for ~~performing the display control of controlling~~ the display screen and other control processing is equipped in the lower half portion. The upper half portion and the lower half portion are rotatably joined to each other around a first rotational axis so as to be opened ~~so that one end sides thereof are mutually separated from each other~~ from the overlap state, ~~and.~~ The upper and lower half portions are also they are joined to each other so as to be rotatable around a second rotational axis perpendicular to the first rotational axis. ~~It is detected~~ A detector determines whether the display screen of the upper half portion faces the key-arranged surface of the lower half portion ~~on which the plural keys are arranged or whether the opposite back side [[to]] of the upper half portion faces the key-arranged surface side, and in.~~ In accordance with the detection result, the controller ~~of the lower half portion~~ rotates the display image ~~[[of]]~~ on the display screen by 180 degrees.